

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 217 – HB 338

February 6, 2015

SUMMARY OF BILL: Extends the termination date of the Board for Professional Counselors, Marital and Family Therapists, and Clinical Pastoral Therapists (Board) to June 30, 2019. Under the *Tennessee Governmental Entity Review Law*, the board is scheduled to terminate on June 30, 2015.

Authorizes the Governor to appoint members to the Board from lists of qualified persons submitted by interested counseling and therapy groups rather than from the lists provided exclusively by the Tennessee Counseling Association, the Tennessee Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, and the Tennessee Association of Pastoral Therapists. Requires the Governor, when making appointments to the Board, to consult with interested counseling and therapy groups to determine qualified persons to fill the positions.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- One of the provisions of this bill continues the Board at its current funding level. As a result, this provision will have no fiscal impact on state government.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 9-4-5117(a), all health related boards are required to be self-supporting over any two year period. The Board had annual surpluses of \$99,836.85 in FY12-13 and \$103,043.16 in FY13-14, and a cumulative reserve balance of \$632,129.97 on June 30, 2014.
- Expanding the number of groups that may submit candidates to the Board and requiring the Governor to consult with interested groups could increase the workload of the Governor's Office when determining Board appointments. Any fiscal impact is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Jeffrey L. Spalding".

Jeffrey L. Spalding, Executive Director

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